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FCC Commissioners
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to comment on and express my concern regarding Proceeding 07-52 In the Matter of Broadband Industry Practices. I would like to express upon the Commission that passage of this Docket will have dire consequences for the Internet that many Americans have come to know, love, and need.

Before the Commission is the decision to, essentially, allow big telecommunications companies such as AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon the ability to discriminatorily control the speed of data on their networks going to and from the Internet. How these companies decide to discriminate traffic, if they are allowed to, is what I and many fellow Americans fear the most. From the birth of the Internet, funded by tax payer dollars through the Defense Department, speed has been determined by the physical link and router through-put. If this docket is allowed to pass, companies will be able to determine what kind of traffic is traveling on the links and either give it priority or slow it down.

Everyone knows now that viable businesses can be built on-line. Many of us have lived through the dot-com bubble and now are living in the era of companies such as EBay, Google and YouTube. These companies are just a few of the Internet companies that built a product that started out small and grew to enormous proportions through word-of-mouth and through usefulness of their product. As they grew they had to pay more for their link to the Internet and computer

hardware to accommodate more people browsing their site. The stories of these companies' rags-to-riches entrepreneurship is the model, the goal, of many people setting up their own web site or Internet-based business. Currently everyone has that opportunity but that will all change should this Docket be passed.

The passage of this docket will give AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and the like the ability to suddenly levy fees on start-ups who have built a product the people enjoy using. This will literally be information super highway robbery. "Pay for priority on our network or we slow down your visitors" One can quickly imagine several scenarios that would allow these telecoms to bilk money out of companies with their newfound charter from the FCC. Maybe they would allow a popular site pay to keep the traffic of competitors low. Maybe they will slow down traffic on anyone using a competitor's network or ISP service. Maybe they will allow Candidate of Party A pay to have Candidate of Party B's website stalled. And whoa be it to any company or start-up that is competing with the telecoms in a service area they are in or are looking to expand into. The passage of this docket will allow the telecoms to affect the service of everyone in America with the flip of a switch or the shuffle of some megabucks.

I want to impress upon this body that this docket does not give any benefit to the people who made the Internet a popular place: the citizens and content creators. Nor does this docket add any extra level of competition between citizens or businesses using the Internet in this country. The passage of this docket will hand control of the Internet and control of the competition there-on to a select few telecommunications companies and quality for everyone in America will suffer.

For the reasons stated above, I ask you to oppose this Docket 07-52, and any similar Docket in the present or future, to keep the quality of the Internet experience and Internet economy for all American citizens and companies from degrading.